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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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U. S. Department of Energy  
Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office  
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the Yucca Mountain, Nevada site be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years have been spent on defining a site. It is my feeling that the Yucca Mountain site is the most feasible. Although not an engineer, it appears that the mountain site is the safest site based on the groundwater implications of putting it too far underground.

I also feel that there is a new important reason to accelerate the process. Right now, there is fuel stored at more than 70 sites. Most are not protected by a containment. With the recent terrorist acts, this makes these fuel sites seem vulnerable to attack. Although the fuel will not become a bomb if hit with a plane, it would become another Chernobyl as far as contaminating vast amounts of real estate. This appears to be right up these terrorists alley.

Obviously, this will not happen right away, but I believe it is in the interest of National Security to recommend this sight, and get the process in motion to get the fuel to a safe repository.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Thank you for listening. Sincerely,  
Daniel P. Burgess

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